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SUBJECT: TNC COMMISSION NO. 1

1. WE AGREE THAT USDEL SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW POSITION PAPER CALLING FOR WORK TO PROCEED DELIBERATELY ON A BASIS OF SECRETARIAT ISSUES PAPER. HOWEVER, WE DO SEE MERIT IN FIGUERERO'S POLITICAL PRINCIPLES APPROACH INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR HIS APPARENT READINESS TO DEFER ON STATUS AND SCOPE OF CODE UNTIL 1977, OPPORTUNITY FOR GOVERNMENTS TO COMMENT BEFORE WORKING GROUP MEETS, AND APPARENT HESITATION TO UNDERTAKE DETAILED WORK ON BASIC ECONOMIC ISSUES. WE WOULD WELCOME SCENARIO IN WHICH SECRETARIAT PREPARED PAPER WHICH GOVERNMENTS WOULD COMMENT ON BEFORE FIRST SESSION OF

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WORKING GROUP TO BE HELD IN THE FALL.

2. FROM LONG EXPERIENCE WE KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO INTERPRET FIGUERERO'S INTENTIONS BUT WE URGE DELEGATION TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIM AND ATTEMPT TO ASSESS EXTENT TO WHICH G-77 SUPPORTS LA POSITION AND WHAT THEIR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES MAY BE. WHILE LA'S NO DOUBT CONCERNED THAT SECRETARIAT AND WEO'S MAY SOMEHOW ARRANGE TO SUBMERGE THEIR "POLITICAL" CONCERNS IN PROTRACTED DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS IN THE ECONOMIC AREA THAT THE COMMISSION CAN ULTIMATELY DO GREATEST DAMAGE TO U.S. INTERESTS AND FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT IN OAS, U.S. STRATEGY HAS BEEN TO WORK WITH CERTAIN LA'S TO PRODUCE RESULT WHICH IS MERELY AGREEMENT TO DISAGREE. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHAT OUTCOME FIGUERERO COULD EXPECT OF WORK PROGRAM THAT CONCENTRATES ON THE HIGHLY IDEOLOGICAL POLITICAL ISSUES.

4. WHILE SAHLGREN HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT HE IS INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT AND REASONABLE, HE IS DETERMINED TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL RESPONSE TO CONCERNS OF LDC'S WHICH MAY WELL DEPART FROM U.S. VIEWS IN SIGNIFICANT RESPECTS. ALSO, UN CENTER WILL BE WITH US FOR YEARS AFTER SAHLGREN IS NO LONGER IN CHARGE. THEREFORE, WHILE WE CERTAINLY SHOULD DO NOTHING TO UNDERMINE HIS EFFECTIVE ROLE AT THIS STAGE, WE WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO ULTIMATE CONTROL OF GOVERNMENTS OVER THIS EXERCISE.

5. WE ARE GREATLY CONCERNED AT NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT INFORMATION CENTER IN HAVANA AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THINKING YOU CAN REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT FROM SECRETARIAT, WEO'S AND G-77.

6. FINALLY, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT POST OF RAPPOREUR AS WELL AS PRESIDENT ASSIGNED TO G-77. HOPEFULLY WE CAN COUNT ON SAHLGREN TO MAINTAIN OBJECTIVITY IN THE REPORT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MOST TRANSNATIONALS ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEADQUARTERED IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, USDEL SHOULD, IF STILL POSSIBLE, SUGGEST THAT POST OF RAPPOREUR GO TO DEVELOPED COUNTRY. KISSINGER

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